

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolum*): How long is it since the opinion of the High Court was called for?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The reference was made to the High Court on 15.4.1934.

Resolution of the Travancore Private School Teachers' Conference.

174. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): With reference to clause 2 of the Government Proceedings on the resolutions of the conference of the Travancore Private School Teachers, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Education Reforms Committee reported to Government (Page 59, para 2 of the Report) that at present there is not sufficient security of tenure to private school teachers and that the provisions of the Code are not properly adhered to; and

(b) what they propose to do to see that "the existing Code rules regarding the endorsement of teachers' licenses are adhered to" in order to give "adequate protection to the teachers in privately managed schools"?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (a) Yes.

(b) The Director of Public Instruction has already issued instructions to all Inspecting Officers regarding the endorsement of teachers' licenses in accordance with the rules.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): When were the instructions issued?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Immediately after the re-organisation of the Inspectorate.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know whether the present Director has received appeals from any teacher against the managers in this matter.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know the number of such petitions?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is rather difficult to give the accurate number.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know the approximate number at least?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): About ten.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Macelikara*): Am I to understand that innumerable appeals are being preferred to the Director against the managers of private institutions?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Not innumerable, but a considerable number.